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SOMEWHERE ON THE LOST SEA.

"COME ON, SONYA.  
THERE'S *PLENTY* OF  
ROOM IN THE BED--



--AND NOBODY GETS THEIR BEAUTY SLEEP LYING ON THE FLOOR.

I'M FINE. GO TO SLEEP.



I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING, BUT THIS WASN'T MY IDEA, AND YOU CAN'T BLAME KOTAL FOR THINKING WE'D SHARE A BED. OUR SEXUAL TENSION IS SO, SO OBVIOUS.

SOMETIMES I WONDER WHERE WE WENT WRONG...

WE WERE WRONG FROM THE START.

SEVERAL YEARS AGO.



SONYA... NOK...  
JUH--JEH--  
JOHNNY?!



THE JINSEI CHAMBER.

EASY,  
SONYA. RAIDEN SAYS  
THIS PLACE'LL HEAL  
YOU.

HELL YEAH!  
AND RAIDEN'S GOT  
A PLAN TO MAKE SURE  
HE NEVER BREAKS  
OUT AGAIN.

IT'S  
OVER...  
SHINNOG'S  
DONE?





IN THE BATTLE...I'VE NEVER  
SEEN YOU ACT LIKE THAT  
BEFORE...

LIKE  
WHAT?

SELFLESS.



AW, THAT WAS NOTHING. YOU TOOK  
A DIRECT HIT FROM *SHINANO'S*  
*AMULET*. I THOUGHT YOU  
WERE A GONER.

SO...WHILE  
YOU'RE FEELIN'  
THIS JINSEI HIGH,  
THERE'S SOMETHING  
I'VE WANTED  
TO ASK...



THE  
WAR'S OVER. BUT  
BEFORE WE GO BACK  
TO OUR SEPARATE LIVES,  
WOULD YOU...*MAY I*  
TAKE YOU TO DINNER  
AND A MOVIE?

HEH, LONG  
AS IT'S NOT  
ONE OF YOUR  
MOVIES...



FOUR MONTHS LATER.



E. BOON

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D. KIRTZIC

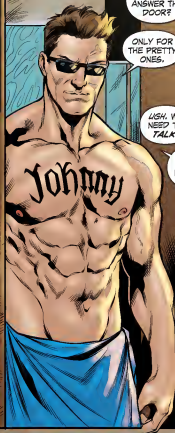
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*EEEE*

NO SOLICITORS,  
UNLESS YOU'RE  
FROM THE  
STUDIO--

IT'S  
LIEUTENANT  
COLONEL  
BLADE.

SONYA?!  
I'LL  
BE RIGHT  
DOWN!



THIS IS  
HOW YOU  
ANSWER THE  
DOOR?

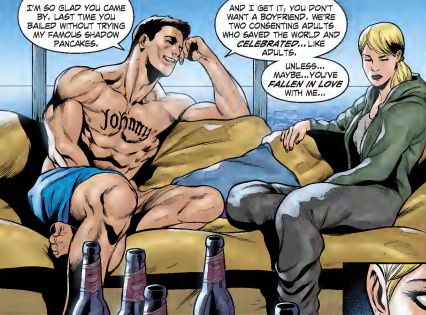
ONLY FOR  
THE PRETTY  
ONES.

UGH, WE  
NEED TO  
TALK.

THE PHRASE  
EVERY BOY  
IS JUST DYING  
TO HEAR.







I'M SO GLAD YOU CAME BY. LAST TIME YOU BAILED WITHOUT TRYING MY FAMOUS SHADOW PANCAKES.

AND I GET IT, YOU DON'T WANT A BOYFRIEND. WE'RE TWO CONSENTING ADULTS WHO SAVED THE WORLD AND CELEBRATED... LIKE ADULTS.

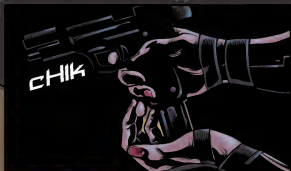
UNLESS... MAYBE... YOU'VE FALLEN IN LOVE WITH ME...



FOR ONCE, SHUT UP.



I'M PREGNANT.



A FEW  
YEARS LATER.





I SENT HIM UNDERCOVER WITH THE RED DRAGON *BEFORE* CASSIE WAS BORN. NOW HE NEEDS AN *EXIT STRATEGY*... AND I'M LEADING THE EXTRACTION.

CAN'T *SOMEONE ELSE* HANDLE IT? WHAT ABOUT SHAUN AND ONABRU? YOU'LL *MISS* CASSIE'S BIRTHDAY!



I'M THE ONE WHO PUT KENSHI IN HARM'S WAY. I'M *RESPONSIBLE* FOR HIM.



YOU'RE *RESPONSIBLE* FOR A LITTLE GIRL, TOO.



I DON'T WANT TO MISS HER BIRTHDAY.



THEN DON'T. SHE WON'T *FORGET* THIS, SONYA.

NO. BUT ONE DAY SHE'LL UNDERSTAND THAT WHEN *DUTY* CALLS, WE MAKE SACRIFICES.

TEN HOURS LATER.

NORTHERN PAKISTAN.

THIS WAS SUPPOSED  
TO BE A *STEALTH* EXTRACTION!  
I THOUGHT YOU DITCHED THESE  
GLYS IN THE HIMALAYA?

I DID! TURNS  
OUT THE *RED DRAGON*  
PAID OFF EVERY LOCAL  
TERRORIST FROM HERE  
TO INDIA.







THERE'S OUR  
BIRD! I'LL COVER  
US!



RPG  
AT SIX  
O'CLOCK!

CAN YOU  
NEUTRALIZE?



GOT  
HER IN MY  
SIGHTS--



SHIT.







SHE KEPT  
WATCHING ME.  
EVEN AFTER I  
PULLED THE  
TRIGGER.

JEEZ,  
SONYA. DID  
YOU--DID THE  
GIRL--

NO.  
JUST...HER  
MOTHER.

PART  
OF ME WANTED  
TO BELIEVE  
I WAS GETTING  
THAT LITTLE  
GIRL FREE.



FREE FROM  
A MOTHER WHO  
CARED MORE ABOUT  
FIELD ARTILLERY  
THAN FIELD  
TRIPS.

JUST  
LIKE ME. JUST  
LIKE *CASSIE*.

I'M SORRY,  
SONYA. I NEVER  
KNEW...



YOU  
NEVER  
ASKED.



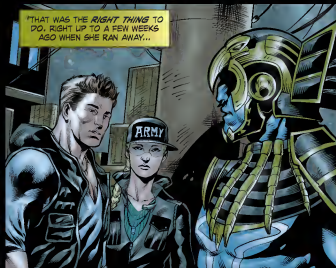
IT'S GONNA BE  
A WHILE BEFORE WE'RE  
READY TO STORM THE  
BEACH. WE CAN KEEP  
TALKING--



WHAT ELSE  
IS THERE TO SAY,  
JOHNNY?



"I GAVE UP MY DAUGHTER'S  
CHILDHOOD TO MAKE  
HER WORLD SAFE.



"THAT WAS THE *RIGHT THING* TO  
DO. RIGHT UP TO A FEW WEEKS  
AGO WHEN SHE RAN AWAY...



"...NOW WE'RE AT THE END OF  
THE WORLD, RELYING ON THE  
KINDNESS OF A BARBARIAN."

WE  
LAND AT DAWN.  
THE FORESTS OFF  
THE BEACH ARE  
TOO DANGEROUS  
TO TRAVERSE  
BY NIGHT.

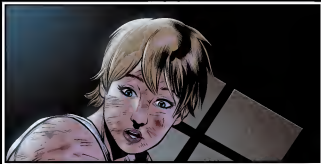
"WHO KNOWS WHAT SHE'S SEEN ON  
*SHANG TSUNG'S ISLAND.*  
WHAT KIND OF *TORTURE* THEY'VE  
INFLECTED ON HER..."

"...ALL I KNOW FOR  
CERTAIN IS IF WE FAIL, IF  
WE *DON'T* SAVE HER..."

"...THEN I GAVE UP  
ALL THOSE YEARS  
FOR NOTHING."

"I NEVER KNEW MY  
OWN DAUGHTER. AND  
*SHE* NEVER KNEW..."



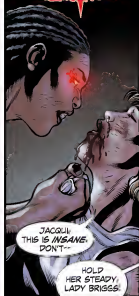






GOOD NEWS, CASSIE!  
WE'RE SAVED.

SKARLET CAN  
FREE US...WITH THE  
BLOOD CODE!





WE HAVE  
IMPORTANT GUESTS  
ARRIVING SOON,  
CASSIE.

YOUR  
PARENTS.

BITE ME,  
SKARLET. IF  
YOU HURT THEM  
I'LL--

YOU'LL GIVE THEM  
A PROPER BLOODY  
WELCOME!

RAAGH!!



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SON OF ULTRON

"THIS FAN...  
THIS MONSTER!"

